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## EFFORT TO DEFER ACTION OF BOARD

Will be Made by Committee  
of Citizens

Stock of Local Aspirants Fall in Con-  
test for Superintendency of  
Schools.

SITUATION IS COMPLICATED.

Interest all over the city centers in the meeting of the school board tonight, and particularly in the election of the new superintendent of the public schools. It is freely intimated on all sides that a crisis in the affairs of the Paducah schools has been reached. It is understood that efforts are being made today to induce the board to defer the election until later in the month giving more time to investigate men, and it is probable that the efforts will be made clear up until the meeting tonight.

At least two prominent men in the city, whose affairs bring them in touch with educational conditions, know of men in the east who would be available and whose qualifications would be calculated to carry forward the school system to a higher state of efficiency. They are men who are interested in furthering the revival of interest in education which just now is sweeping over the south. It is believed that they could be secured if the proper effort is made to get their attention to the opening here.

It can be definitely announced that so far as three of the leading members of the board are concerned, the new superintendent if he is elected tonight, will be an out-of-town man. However, some of the local men have friends on the board, and it is probable that they will be placed in nomination. One local candidate has a strong following, and it is improbable that he will be ignored without an effort to be elected.

The members of the school board show a disposition to listen to all suggestions, but as they think they have had the subject under consideration for two months, they are going about the election resolutely. Interest in having the election deferred is manifested most strongly in the people who pay the taxes and who have children in the schools, and these people will be represented at the board meeting tonight.

## C. C. & W. CLUB ELECTS ALL ITS OLD OFFICERS

The annual meeting of the Chess, Checker and Whist club was held last night and all officers were re-elected as follows: Dr. J. Q. Taylor, president; Charles Thompson, vice-president; Frank B. May, secretary; Nolan Van Culin, treasurer. Directors: Dr. J. Q. Taylor, Nolan Van Culin, Harry Meyers, Henry Diehl and R. L. Reeves. The club is the only successful one ever maintained in Paducah. It has been in existence since 1900 and has grown wonderfully. There are now 190 members. A limit is placed on the membership and no one under 21 years old is admitted to the club membership. The treasury shows a surplus of \$2,000.

## CASE DISMISSED.

Against Apostle Heber Grant of the  
Mormon Church.

Salt Lake City, Utah, March 5.—The case against Apostle Heber Grant, of the Mormon church, charged with unlawful polygamous cohabitation, was dismissed today by Judge Diehl in the city court at the instance of the prosecuting attorney. Action was brought against Apostle Grant two years ago by Charles M. Owen, attorney for the American party.

## JUVENILE COURT SENDS BOY TO REFORM SCHOOL

Dennis Reed, a negro boy 14 years old, was given two years in the state reform school this morning in the juvenile court, on his plea of guilty to petit larceny. The boy declared that he was incited to steal \$17 from C. L. Dickerson, a liveryman, by a white man who has since disappeared.

## Initiative and Referendum.

Guthrie, Okla., March 5.—The constitutional convention today, by 83 to 5, adopted the proposition providing for the initiative and referendum. There were 27 absentees.

**RUSSIAN SQUADRON.**  
St. Petersburg, March 5.—Within the next four years Russia will have a naval squadron in the far east, including two immense battleships. Russian officials will recommend to the czar a squadron to be built in the United States.

**MINE EXPLOSION.**  
Mt. Carmel, Pa., March 5.—A mine explosion occurred in the Richards colliery this morning. Many are reported killed and injured. Several houses on the main street were destroyed. The shock was felt 25 miles away. Eleven hundred pounds of dynamite were exploded; 27 were injured.

**FAST MAIL WRECK.**  
Tivoli, N. Y., March 5.—The New York Central fast New York-Chicago mail train jumped the track here this morning. Officials state that ten persons are reported injured, one possible fatally. It is said a bad rail caused the wreck. The engine, baggage and two passenger cars were overturned. Southbound traffic will be tied up several hours.

**OUT OF DANGER.**  
Washington, March 5.—Archibald Roosevelt, son of the president, suffering from diphtheria, is declared this morning to be out of danger.

**DAKOTA DOOMED.**  
Tokio, March 5.—All efforts to free the steamship Dakota, which struck a rock in the bay of Tokio Sunday, are unsuccessful. The vessel is rapidly pounding to pieces on the rocks.

**HERALD IS GUILTY.**  
New York, March 5.—A plea of guilty of sending obscene matter through the mails in its so-called "Red Light" personal column, was entered in the United States circuit court by the New York Herald company. The sentence will be imposed April 2. The maximum fine under the counts of the indictment is \$40,000.

**DEFENDANT SICK.**  
Culpepper, Va., March 5.—The illness of Philip Strother, one of the defendants in the famous homicide case, will cause the postponement of the trial today. It is thought he is not seriously sick. Judge Harrison was about to deliver instructions to the jury when his illness was announced. Under the Virginia constitution the defendant on trial for his life has the right to hear all arguments, evidence and instructions.

**GRAIN MARKETS.**  
Cincinnati, March 5.—Wheat, 70; corn, 49; oats, 46.

**MODERN RAFFLES.**  
Chicago, March 5.—A man giving the name of Richard Hooper, of Kokomo, Ind., a student at Lake Forest university, is in jail here accused of stealing hundreds of pieces of fine jewelry from homes in which he had been received. Search of his rooms the police claim revealed nearly 500 pieces of fine jewelry. It is claimed the youth made a confession, saying he had an irresistible impulse to steal.

## DOUMA IS OPENED AMIDST DISORDER

St. Petersburg, March 5.—The opening today of the new douma, Russia's second parliament, was attended with much excitement. Citizens gathered outside the Taurida palace and engaged in such a wild demonstration that this afternoon cavalry was ordered to charge and clear the streets. Many persons were ridden down and badly injured. The public is barred from admittance to the palace by a cordon of troops. At noon the douma formally opened and M. Golovin, a liberal, was chosen president.

There is only one kind of a newspaper circulation statement that is worth any consideration and that is the daily detailed statement. The Sun is the only Paducah paper printing such a statement.

## HOLLAND'S TEAM TO PLAY CULLEY'S

If Agreement Can be Reached  
With Manager

Paducah Has Another Aspirant to  
Represent City on Diamond  
Next Summer.

PLAYERS FROM I. C. SHOPS.

John Holland, the one-legged catcher, who played two seasons of fast baseball thus handicapped in a Kansas league, is to manage a Paducah team this season and promises nothing but the best. He will challenge the Culley team, to play for the privilege of the ball park, if the consent of Manager Trail, of the team, and Manager John S. Bleeker, of the traction company, can be secured.

John Holland is a Paducah boy and learned baseball on Paducah's commons. He had his left foot cut off above the ankle railroad, but got a cork leg. Soon he was catching again, and catching professional ball. He is a fairly good runner and covers home plate perfectly. With the stick he is a star.

"I have some good men at the railroad shops who will play in my team," Holland stated. "I have Lon Hedges for pitcher. We expect to get up a team which will beat anything in Paducah and hope that the Culley team will accept our challenge. If we are better ball players and can represent the city better than they, we should have the park."

Lon Hedges pitched one season of phenomenal ball for Milwaukee in the American association and later was in the Three I league. Lately he has been out of the game. Holland works at the Illinois Central shops.

**MAY BE NO SUIT.**  
Concord, N. H., March 5.—Hint was given today by persons intimately associated with Harry Baker G. Eddy that the sensational suit instituted against the managers of her estate, charging conspiracy to control her fortune for their own advantage, may be discontinued before the date set for its trial. On statements volunteered by bankers and other distinguished citizens of Concord, the lawyers for Mrs. Eddy feel that they already have sufficient material to defeat the action.

## GIRL GIVES UP LIFE FOR DUTY

Killed Trying to Repair Elevator on  
Eve of Marriage.

Philadelphia, March 5.—Almost on the eve of becoming a bride, Miss Martha Peterman, a 23-year-old elevator operator in the Young Woman's Christian Association Building, was crushed to death by her own car this morning. Upon returning from breakfast she found the elevator had settled several feet. In attempting to raise it and readjust the safety appliances, she turned the lever the wrong way and was crushed between the elevator and the floor.

## TO MAKE DRISKILL AUGUR NEW COMPANY IS FORMED

Articles of incorporation of the Driskill Manufacturing company were filed in county court this afternoon. The capital stock is \$20,000 divided into shares of \$100 each. The incorporators and stockholders follow: H. R. Lindsey, Charles Alcott, E. R. Clark and John W. Bebout, all of the city holding 50 shares each. The purpose of the corporation is to manufacture the Driskill post hole augur. A recent corporation to manufacture this article failed.

## DAVID SAYRES MISSING; PARENTS ARE WORRIED.

David Sayres, 18 years old, son of John Sayres, grocer at Myers and Mill streets, has been missing since Sunday and his parents are worried. He took no clothing or money with him, and although they believe he has run away to seek his fortune, they are apprehensive of an accident or foul play.

## Gov. Swettenham Quits at Last.

London, March 5.—The resignation of Gov. Swettenham, of Jamaica, has become an accomplished fact, and he will leave that island so soon as his affairs can be arranged.

IN HONOR OF ST. PATRICK.



—McCutcheon in Chicago Tribune.

## BROADWAY FIRE CAUSES DAMAGE

Anderson's Cab Stand Office on  
South Side of Broadway Be-  
tween Fourth and Fifth the  
Scene of Blaze

## FIREMEN DO EXCELLENT WORK.

At 5 o'clock this morning when Robert Winston, the negro office boy at Harry Anderson's cab stand, 408 1/2 Broadway, went out of the office to get a breath of fresh air on the street he left a bright fire in the stove. When called back 20 minutes later, he found it a roaring furnace with firemen fighting the fire. The damage will amount to about \$250 for Anderson in accounts, furniture, etc., with no insurance. To W. H. Patterson, owner of the building, the damage will amount to about \$200 fully covered by insurance. Ellis & Williams' barber shop, 408 Broadway, was damaged by water to the extent of about \$50. The fire is presumed to have started from a defective stove.

Stationman Dan Bailey, of company No. 1, burned his left hand by fighting the fire inside with a stream. His hand was knocked against hot embers. The fire company did excellent work in extinguishing the fire, which gained great headway and was hard to get at on account of its location.

## FATHER LEAVES FAMILY STRANDED

After living off the combined wages of his 15-years-old twin boys since January, George Davis, of 1802 Bridge street, it is alleged, disappeared when one of his younger sons became ill and the entire family was thrown on the charity club. Davis lived at Mayfield until his wife died in July. In January he came here with his 15-years-old twins and two other sons, five and ten years old, respectively. The twins secured employment in the curtain pole factory and made \$7 together. This amount kept the family until last week when the 10-year-old son became ill.

## Will Open Tonight.

Backman's glass blowers will open their exhibition tonight on Broadway opposite Palmer House. They will give exhibitions from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9:30 p. m. Every visitor receives a souvenir.

## SACRIFICE SALE OF SADDLERY COMPANY

Purchasers Will Take Plant  
to Cairo and Operate it in  
That City if the Deal Goes  
Through Today

## PAY SEVENTY-FIVE PER CENT.

Negotiations for the purchase of the Paducah Saddlery company's plant and stock by Julius Harris and Isador Klein, traveling salesman for M. Michael & Bro., are proceeding today between the prospective purchasers and the Paducah Banking company and the Globe Bank & Trust company. It is probable that the deal will be closed tonight. The property will be taken to Cairo, Ill., and operated there.

It was stated by officials of the company today that the plant will be sold at a sacrifice of about 24 per cent, and the creditors will realize something over 75 per cent, of the face of their claims.

The sale of the Paducah Saddlery company and its removal to Cairo is a blow to Paducah trade. The concern was doing well, the officers are men of integrity and business ability, and there seemed nothing in the way of success until this unfortunate complication arose. Paducah wholesalers, especially, regret the occurrence.

The company employed from 30 to 60 men.

St. Louis parties were here today to purchase and an effort was made again to reorganize without success.

## DISMISSED WITH REPRIMAND.

Walter Taylor Not Held for Malicious  
Mischief.

Walter Taylor, of the Dixie Knitting Mills, charged with malicious mischief, was dismissed this morning in the police court. He was accused of driving a nail into a banister down which Little Maple Abernathy slid, badly lacerating himself.

"The prosecution has failed to prove you guilty of malicious intent," Police Judge Cross stated, "and I will have to dismiss the warrant. But I want to say this: 'It showed carelessness on your part. You should have taken pains to notify the boys of the nail.'"

Taylor was represented by Attorney Hal S. Corbett.

## CABINET CHANGES ARE TAKING PLACE

Hitchcock and Shaw Leave.  
Cortelyou Goes to Treasury  
and Von Meyer Succeeds to  
P. O. Department

## J. R. GARFIELD TO INTERIOR.

Washington, March 5.—George Bruce Cortelyou, a few minutes before 3 o'clock, relinquished the office of postmaster-general to George Von Lengerke Meyer of Massachusetts, recently American ambassador at St. Petersburg. Mr. Meyer took the oath of office in the private quarters of the postmaster-general, Mr. Cortelyou was sworn in as secretary of the treasury at 3:30 o'clock. James R. Garfield, of Ohio, who relinquished today the office of commissioner of corporations, will succeed Ethan Allen Hitchcock of Missouri, as secretary of the interior.

After the close of the treasury department some twenty-five of the high officials of the department called on the retiring secretary, Mr. Shaw, at the Arlington hotel and presented to him a large mahogany case containing two dozen handsome table plates.

## WALLACE PARK STANDS LET TO TWO LOCAL MEN.

Wallace park will have an up-to-date soda water fountain and refreshment stand this year. Superintendent William C. Malone of Wallace park, has awarded the concession for the refreshment and lunch stand for the season and will have only the best. Work will begin at once on the stands to be maintained at the park. Dr. John H. Hugg and Mr. Elmore Townsend secured the privileges.

## COFFEE COMPANY STARTS PLANT IN FULL OPERATION

The Bockman Coffee company started its plant at Seventh and Kentucky avenue this morning. The recently incorporated concern has multiplied its capacity five times and is capable of handling most of the business in this section, with its excellent product.

**WEATHER**—Partly cloudy tonight and Wednesday, slightly colder tonight. Highest temperature reached yesterday was 51, lowest today, 39.

## NEARING CLOSE OF THE EVIDENCE

Little More Testimony in Chief  
For Harry Thaw

Jerome Concludes Cross-Examination  
of Expert Evans and Has An-  
other on Stand.

MRS. W. L. THAW PROBABLY NEXT.

New York, March 5.—Progress of the Thaw case was slow today as far as sensational interest was concerned.

A long stride forward in the Thaw trial was taken when District Attorney Jerome announced that his exhaustive cross examination of Dr. Evans had been concluded. Evans had been under fire since Wednesday morning last. He was succeeded on the stand by Dr. Charles G. Wagner, Binghamton, who accompanied Evans on most of his visits to Thaw in the Tombs.

Mrs. William Thaw is expected to be the next figure in the witness chair. With Mrs. Thaw's testimony in, the defense will practically have completed its case and it seems likely that the state's case in rebuttal may begin before the end of the week.

## Puzzled Over the Rebuttal.

Just what Jerome will be able to prove on rebuttal remains quite as much a mystery as ever. He complained today in seeking a broad interpretation of rules of evidence by Justice Fitzgerald that if he should call any of the defense's alienists in rebuttal they might refuse on the ground of professional privilege not to answer any question put to them. This seems to indicate that Jerome's threat to call Allan McLane Hamilton in rebuttal carries with it the possibility that Hamilton may not testify, for at the time he made an examination of Thaw via the Tombs he was in the employ of the prisoner's counsel.

It is not exactly clear to the mind to what extent the district attorney can go in disproving Mrs. Evelyn Nesbit Thaw's testimony. He has admitted that even if he could show White was out of the country at the time of his alleged experience with Evelyn Nesbit in his Twenty-fourth street studio, he would not be allowed to do so on the ground that it would be a collateral fact.

## To Call Evelyn's Brother.

It appears, however, that the prosecutor can call any one to contradict Mrs. Thaw's story in cases where she said she made certain statements to a third party. In this connection Jerome has indicated he will call Howard Nesbit to testify that his sister told him Thaw had treated her cruelly because she would not tell lies about White.

Evans left the witness stand subject to recall for re-direct examination. Evans admitted that Thaw had insane knowledge of what killed White. The New York statutes provide that to be exempt from punishment for crime an insane person must be so demented as not to know the nature or quality of his act or to know the act is wrong.

Wagner, also declared Thaw had irrational knowledge of what was transpiring on the roof garden. He believes that the man's insanity dated from the time Evelyn Nesbit told him her story in Paris in 1904. Wagner created quite a stir in court by using the present tense in responding to a question by Jerome as to what form of insanity Thaw "has or had."

Wagner Says Thaw "Is" Insane.  
Wagner declared Thaw "is suffering" from symptoms which lead to ward a melancholic state and a state of dementia praecox. When asked to describe the latter phase, Wagner said it covered such a wide field of dementia as to be difficult of strict definition. Wagner declared Thaw's condition of mind at the time of the shooting was a result of one of the insanities of adolescence. He would not go further than this in an attempt to classify the exact form.

The district attorney again continued his somewhat puzzling tactics. His questioning of Evans seemed to have the purpose of showing Thaw never was insane to the extent contemplated by criminal statutes of this state. Again with Wagner he pointed toward the same end at one time and at another seemed desirous of having Wagner admit Thaw was suffering from forms of insanity which might not be curable.